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SUBJ: TENTH PARTY CONGRESS WORK REPORT AND SINO-U.S. RELATIONS

1. ALTHOUGH CONGEN HONG KONG WILL BE REPORTING IN DETAIL ON CHOU EN-LAI WORK REPORT TO THE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS, TEXT OF WHICH WAS RELEASED EVENING OF AUGUST 31, WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON PORTIONS DEALING WITH U.S.-PRC RELATIONS AGAINST BACKDROP OF ATMOSPHERICS IN PEKING AND RECENT USLO CONTACTS WITH PRC OFFICIALS. STRIDENT TONE ATTACKS ON THE SUPERPOWERS IS CONSISTENT WITH IDEOLOGICAL EMPHASIS OF ALL MAJOR PARTY DOCUMENTS, BUT AT VARIANCE WITH THE ACTUAL TREATMENT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING AND THE DE FACTO DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. IN ADDITION, BENEATH THE RHETORIC, THE REPORT RELECTS THE IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL TIES.

2. AS IN PARTY CONGRESS COMMUNIQUE, THE TWO SUPER-POWERS, U.S. AND USSR ARE BOTH SCORED FOR HEGEMONISTIC

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ASPIRATIONS. CHINA IS PICTURED AS A MAJOR OBJECT OF

SUPERPOWER COVETOUSNESS, AND AT ONE POINT CHOU SAYS, "THE (THE U.S. AND USSR) WANT TO DEVOUR CHINA, BUT FIND IT TOO TOUGH TO BITE." HERE, HOWEVER, THE EQUATION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS ENDS. USSR, THROUGHOUT, IS CLEARLY THE REAL AND IMMEDIATE THREAT, WHILE CHOU NOTES AT EARLY POINT IN REPORT THAT "SINO-U.S. RELATIONS HAVE BEEN IMPROVING TO SOME EXTENT." U.S., IN FACT, IS PORTRAYED AS SOMETHING OF AN OVER-THE-HILL SUPERPOWER, HAVING BEEN DEFEATED IN KOREA AND FORCED TO PULL OUT OF VIET-NAM. CHOU ALLEGES THAT U.S. "HAS OPENLY ADMITTED THAT IT IS INCREASINGLY ON THE DECLINE." CHOU'S QUOTATION OF LENIN STATEMENT THAT "THERE ARE COMPROMISES AND COMPROMISES", WHILE PRESENTED IN A STRICTLY ANTI-SOVIET CONTEXT STRIKES US AS AN EFFORT TO JUSTIFY IN ACCEPTABLE IDEOLOGICAL TERMS PRC MOVES TOWARD THE UNITED STATES.

3. UNDER THE RHETORIC LIES THE FACT OF OUR GROWING RELATIONSHIP, BURGEONING TRADE, VISITING GROUPS, AND THE PRESENCE OF THE LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING. WE HAVE HAD CONSTANT AND NORMAL DAY TO DAY CONTACT WITH PRC THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD PRECEDING AND DURING THE CONGRESS ON MUNDANE BUT SIGNIFICANT ITEMS RANGING FROM THE VISIT OF THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA TO PRC MEAT EXPORTS. WHILE CHOU'S WORDS, DESIGNED FOR A SPECIAL AUDIENCE AND SITUATION MAY SEEM LOUD, THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE SPEAK LOUDER.

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